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I wish I had good news. However, as expected, the backlog is increasing at a rapid rate. We are rarely assigning routine samples at this point. Those samples date back to May 4. We have a full bin of expedited samples and those are receiving priority.

The traffickings are approaching a third bin, something we have not seen in a long time. Additionally, we have received 10 resubmitted samples back from Fall River for cocaine base identification along with a couple of requests for full chemical analysis on Class E rx's.

Worcester is willing to take more samples so I will probably double the amount of samples I take out to them next time. (from 50 to 100)

Tan told me today that he will leaving by September 30th.

Augh!

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